# Q3 2024 RESULTS COLABOR GROUP INC.(TSX: GCL)

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# FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENT

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### **NON-IFRS PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

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# PHASE II OF OUR TURNAROUND



Implementation of strategic initiatives helped mitigating the effect of the reduction in consumer spending affecting the restaurant and retail industries in Q3 2024 results:

- 1.6% decrease in revenue;
- 1,8% decrease in gross margin;
- 14.0% decrease in Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup>;
- \$9.9M in cash flows generated from operating activities.

#### Maintaining solid balance sheet:

 Leverage ratio <sup>(2)</sup> decreased to 2.6x from 2.7x at end of FY2023.

<sup>(1)</sup> Adjusted EBITDA is a non-IFRS measure. Refer to slide 12 non-IFRS measures. Adjusted EBITDA corresponds to net operating earnings before costs not related to current operations, depreciation and amortization and expenses for stock-based compensation plan.

(2) Financial leverage ratio is an indicator of the Company's ability to service its long-term debt. It is defined as net debt / adjusted EBITDA less lease liability payments and interest on lease obligations for the last twelve months. Lease obligations payments and interests for the LTM as of September 7, 2024 were \$15.9M and amounted to \$15.1M for fiscal 2023. A diversified clientele across the distribution activities, along with efforts to attract new clients and expand into new territories and the recent acquisition, partially mitigated the effect of the weakness in the restaurant and retail industries.

- Revenue from distribution activities increased by 1.5%;
- Revenue from wholesale activities decreased by 10.1%.

## **NEW HYBRID FACILITY (ST-BRUNO, QUEBEC)**



## Developments of the new hybrid Distribution / Wholesale facility:

- Certain chain customers are served from the new facility, service levels are maintained;
- Since the end of Q2, Western Quebec customers, previously served from our facility in Eastern Quebec, are now served from the new facility in Saint-Bruno thus freeing up capacity in our eastern Québec facility.
- During Q3, we gradually began to welcome new customers, mainly independent restaurants

Rendering image provided by Écoparc Saint-Bruno.

## **EVOLUTION OF THE 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN**



#### **PROFITABILITY** GENERATE PROFITABLE GROWTH

- Improve customer & product mix.
- Optimizing the management of our private label to achieve an optimal mix with our national brands.

**Q3 RESULTS** 

- 1.8% decrease gross margin.
- 14.0% decrease in Adjusted EBITDA despite lower sales volume.



#### **GROWTH** POTENTIAL REACH FROM 30% TO 90% OF THE HRI MARKET

- Growing distribution activities in Western Quebec.
- Continuously evaluating pipeline of M&A opportunities.

#### Q3 RESULTS

- Gradual startup of new distribution activities and welcome new customers.
- Assets acquired in March 2024 continue to perform well and contribute to meet our expectations



#### **PEOPLE** ATTRACT, RETAIN AND DEVELOP

- HR focus on attracting and retaining talent.
- Employer brand.

#### Q3 RESULTS

• More resources available, ready for the strong holiday season.

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#### BRAND RENEW, REFRESH

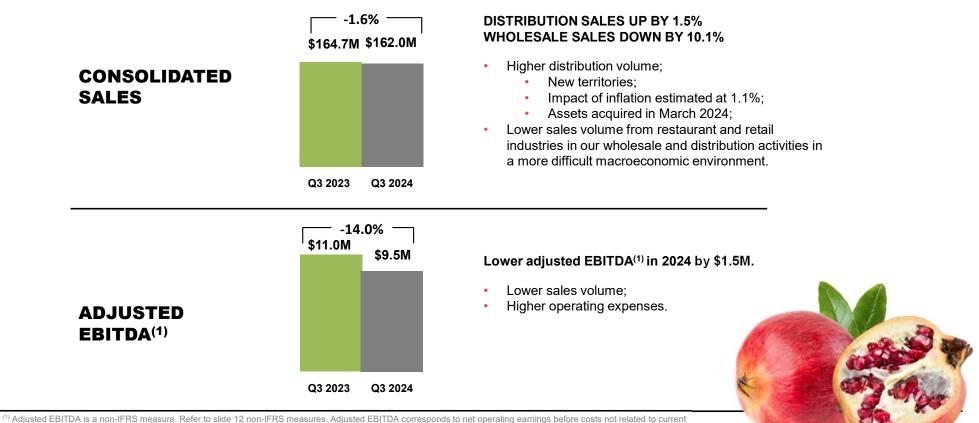
 Focus on raising local offering and customer service.

#### **Q3 RESULTS**

- Differentiated, locallyinspired, high-quality offerings.
- Highlight on our customer service approach.



### THIRD QUARTER 2024 HIGHLIGHTS Q3 2024 SALES AND PROFITABILITY



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## **Q3 2024 NET EARNINGS AND CASH FLOW TREND**

NET EARNINGS

## Net earnings decreased to \$1.1M in Q3 2024 (\$0.01 per share), from \$3.5M in Q3 2023 (\$0.03 per share)

- Decrease in EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup>;
- Increase in finance expenses related to the increase in lease obligations, particularly the one for our premises located in Saint-Bruno.



#### Cash flows generated amounted to \$9.9M, up from \$8.0M

### CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS

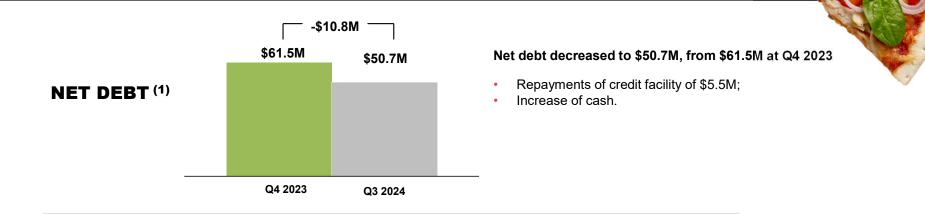
Q3 2024 higher utilization of working capital requirements explained by an improvement in the inventory turnover rate and the timing in supplier payments.

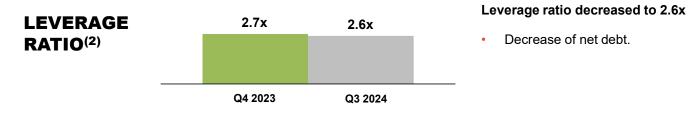
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## Q3 2024 NET DEBT AND LEVERAGE RATIO TREND





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## Q3 2024 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	12-week period		36-week period	
(in thousands of dollars, except percentages, per share data and financial leverage ratio)	2024	2023	2024	2023
Sales from continuing operations	162,034	164,700	454,512	462,809
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	9,484	11,034	24,084	25,902
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup> margin (%)	5.9	6.7	5.3	5.6
Net earnings (loss) from continuing operations	1,164	3,539	1,067	5,693
Net earnings (loss)	1,113	3,539	996	5,693
Per share – basic and diluted	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.06
Cash flow from operating activities	9,904	7,969	26,627	20,044
Financial Position			As at September 7, 2024	As at December 30, 2023
Net debt <sup>(2)</sup>			50,749	61,481
Financial leverage <sup>(3)</sup>			2.6x	2.7x

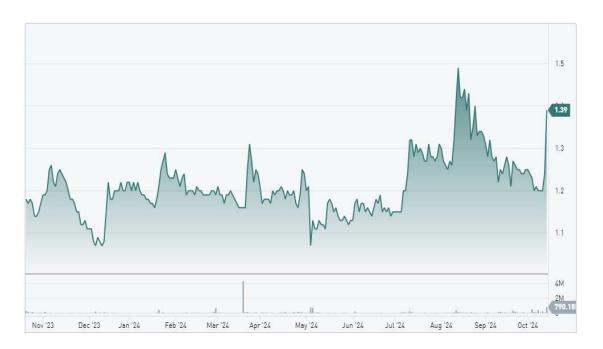
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# **SHARE INFORMATION** (TSX: GCL)

### LAST 52 WEEKS



STOCK PRICE (as at October 15, 2024)	\$1.39
52-week low-high	\$1.05 - \$1.52
Number of shares issued and outstanding	102,013,442
Average volume (30 days)	96k
Market capitalization	\$141.8M
Institutional and management ownership	≈ 40%
Analyst coverage:	
Cormark Securities Kyle McPhee, CFA	
<b>Desjardins Securities</b> Frédéric Tremblay, M.Sc., CFA	
<b>Raymond James Ltd.</b> Michael Glen, CFA	

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# **NON-IFRS** MEASURES

		Third quarter		
Reconciliation of Net Earnings to Adjusted EBITDA (in thousands of dollars)	2024 12-weeks	2023 12-weeks	2024 36-weeks	2023 36-weeks
Net earnings from continuing operations	1,164	3,539	1,067	5,693
Income taxes	591	1,362	530	2,109
Financial expenses	2,823	1,271	8,196	3,896
Operating earnings	4,578	6,172	9,793	11,698
Expenses for stock-based compensation plan	28	63	80	212
Costs not related to current operations	154	99	276	150
Depreciation and amortization	4,724	4,700	13,935	13,842
Adjusted EBITDA	9,484	11,034	24,084	25,902

Calculation of Net Debt (in thousands of dollars)	As at September 7, 2024	As at December 30, 2023
(Cash) Bank indebtedness	(2,501)	2,731
Current portion of long-term debt	3,000	3,000
Long-term debt	50,250	55,750
Net debt	50,749	61,481





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